IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14, and ending at page 3, line 4, and replace with the following:

The aforementioned facsimile apparatus notifies a sender that a confidential received image has not been retrieved from memory and deletes the unretrieved confidential received image from memory at the same time notification is made. Consequently, when the sender has properly received notification that a confidential received image has not been retrieved, an unretrieved confidential received image is simply deleted from memory after the notification is sent. A consequent problem exists in that, when a sender has not properly received notification that such an image has not been retrieved from memory, the sender cannot ascertain the fact that a confidential received image has been deleted from the receiver side memory without ever having been retrieved from memory.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the previous version of the claims with the following clean version, wherein claims 1, 6-11, 13, and 15 incorporates new amendments thereto.